

REMARKS

Applicant thanks the Examiner for recognizing that claims 6, 7, 14 and 15 include allowable subject matter. Those claims have been rewritten in independent form to include the features of the claims from which they depended. Therefore, claims 6, 7, 14 and 15 should be in condition for allowance.

Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the features of claims 2, 3 and 4 (now canceled). Claims 5 and 8 have been amended to depend from claim 1. New claim 17 depends from claim 1 and includes the additional features of original claim 6.

Similarly, independent claim 9 has been amended to incorporate the features of claims 10, 11 and 12 (now canceled). Claims 13 and 16 have been amended to depend from claim 9. New claim 18 depends from claim 9 and includes the additional features of original claim 14.

Claim 1 recites a vertical sharpness adjustment device that includes a terminal to which a vertical sharpness adjustment control signal is applied by a viewer of a TV receiver. The device also includes a control circuit to which the vertical sharpness adjustment control signal is applied from the terminal. The control circuit generates a signal to display the degree of vertical sharpness adjustment on a screen of the TV receiver.

Similarly, independent claim 9 recites a TV receiver that includes a vertical sharpness adjustment device with a control circuit as in claim 1.

The claimed device allows a viewer to change the degree of vertical sharpness and to display it on the TV screen. An example of that is described in connection with Fig. 6 as follows:

The microcomputer 2 generates text information to display contents as shown in Fig. 6 on the TV screen. . . . A degree of the control signal for the level adjustment circuit 10 is displayed as V-SHARP of a value 3 on the fourth line on the screen, as shown in Fig. 6. To change the value of 3, the viewer only needs to

modify the control signal for the vertical sharpness adjustment applied to the terminal 1. Then the microcomputer 2 modifies the degree of the control signal for the level adjustment circuit 10 and generates the text information to display a modified value of V-SHARP at the same time.

(Page 6, lines 22-29)

Neither the Griepentrog et al. patent nor the Skinner patent discloses the claimed control circuit. The Office action points to the disclosure of the Griepentrog et al. patent at FIG.1, items 47, 45, 32 and col.3-lines 31-51. However, there is no disclosure or suggestion that the control circuit “generates a signal to display the degree of the vertical sharpness adjustment on a screen of the TV receiver” as recited in claims 1 and 9.

At least for that reason, claims 1 and 9, as well as their dependent claims, should be allowed.

It is believed that all of the pending claims have been addressed. However, the absence of a reply to a specific rejection, issue or comment does not signify agreement with or concession of that rejection, issue or comment. In addition, because the arguments made above may not be exhaustive, there may be reasons for patentability of any or all pending claims (or other claims) that have not been expressed. Finally, nothing in this paper should be construed as an intent to concede any issue with regard to any claim, except as specifically stated in this paper, and the amendment of any claim does not necessarily signify concession of unpatentability of the claim prior to its amendment.


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The fee in the amount of \$600 for the extra independent claims is being paid concurrently herewith on the Electronic Filing System (EFS) by way of Deposit Account authorization. Please apply any charges or credits to deposit account 06-1050.

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